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YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Solemnity of Christ the King (Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 1)

<u>Saturday 22nd November</u>	Solemnity of Christ the King	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Holy Souls +
<u>Sunday 23rd November</u>	Solemnity of Christ the King	Mass: 09:00 (CTK) All Parishioners
<u>Sunday 23rd November</u>	Solemnity of Christ the King	Mass: 10:30 (CTK) All Parishioners
<u>Monday 24th November</u>	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
<u>Tuesday 25th November</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Wednesday 26th November</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Thursday 27th November</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 9.15 (HC)
<u>Friday 28th November</u>	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 10:00 (CTK)
<u>Saturday 29th November</u>	First Sunday of Advent	Mass: 17:00 (HC) Holy Souls +
<u>Sunday 30th November</u>	First Sunday of Advent	Mass: 09:00 (CTK)
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(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

(HC) = HOLY CROSS

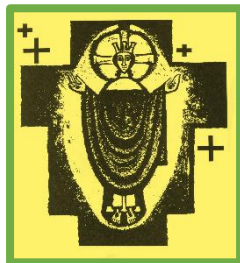
Live Stream: the Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses at Christ The King are available on Live Stream for those unable to attend in person:

[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

Confessions: Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament –Thursday 10.30-11.30
Diocesan Prayer League: English Martyrs, Chard with Crewkerne & Ilminster

Mass Book: Year C Volume 2:
Page 167 (Solemnity of Christ the King)
Christ the King Church is open most days for
private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



Luke: 23: 35-43 'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom'



Reflection: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as "the Feast of Christ the King" was instituted 100 years ago this year, by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The celebration marks the end of the Church's Liturgical Year. On this final Sunday of the Church's calendar, we are reminded that Jesus, the Son of God, who lived, died and rose again for our sake, is our King, the King of Heaven. Today is also "Youth Sunday", a Day of Prayer for Young People. So today we pray for all at Christ the King school, all who made their Confirmations recently, all who will be preparing for their First Holy Communion soon, all who join us in "Little Church" and/or on the Altar during Mass and for all our Altar Servers. Together, they represent the future for our Parish Churches. We give thanks to God for them. And for all who are young or "young at heart" let us join in the prayer first uttered to Jesus on the Cross at Calvary by the repentant criminal: "*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*"

Please join us for our Parish celebrations this weekend: on Saturday night at 7.30pm in the Hall at CTK for our music concert and quiz. On Sunday morning, for the children's entertainer plus wine and nibbles after the 10.30am Mass. All most welcome, we will love to see you there.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 13th December

Reading Rota

22nd November – Youth Sunday

29th November – George Fowler

Welcome Rota

22nd November – Hazel Vaughan

29th November – Kate Barlow

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 3rd January (No rosary in December)

Live Crib (Wotton Churches Together)

Saturday 6th December at 4pm 'The Star' in Market Street with carols from two school choirs. So that parishioners can attend the Mass at Holy Cross will start at the later time of 5:45pm.

CTK Children's Liturgy ("Little Church")

Children's Liturgy ("Little Church") will take place on Sunday 30th November during the 10:30am Mass.

Thank you.

To Katrina and Sophie for 12 years of service to the Children's Liturgy. Both have kindly volunteered to become catechists for our First Holy Communion programme which begins in January.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers

With Katrina and Sophie stepping down we now require more help. Are you interested in joining the Children's Liturgy rota? If so, please speak with Deacon Lawrence or contact the parish office.

First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for Parents / Guardians and Children **on Sunday 7th December in the Parlour in Porch House after the 10.30 Mass at Christ the King**. If you have a child in Year 3 or above this academic year and you would like them to be included in the First Holy Communion Programme, please make a note of this date in your diary. The First Communion Day will be **Sunday 10th May 2026**.

Christmas Nativity Displays

Will be held in the Hall on Sunday 30th November and Sunday 7th December after both Masses. Advent Calendars, Cribbs, cards, children's Christmas books and other items will be on sale. These items are sold at near cost price, and all the proceeds go to the church so come and get some bargains and support Christ the King Church.

On **Sunday 30th November** there will also be a CAFOD tabletop sale in CTK hall of homemade craft items.

Foodbank

The November and December lists have been combined, in order to cover Christmas. Please note that we are asked not to buy mince pies, as they may contain alcohol. Plenty of other items will be welcome, though - the list is on the noticeboard and on the box. Thank you for all contributions.

CAFOD

The World Gift catalogues are available now - please take one from the back of church for ideas for Christmas presents that will help CAFOD's work. A raffle will be held for CAFOD's Advent appeal: tickets are now available, from the fairtrade stall. For news from CAFOD's experts at the COP in Brazil, and a request to email the Energy Secretary to ask that the UK take a key role, see [here](#)

Fairtrade

There will be a stall after Masses this Sunday. Payment by card can now be accepted.

Operation Elf - HMP Eastwood Park

If you feel this is something you may wish to contribute to, please leave your unwrapped gift (no more than £15) in the Sacristy at CTK or Holy Cross Church **by Wednesday 10th December latest** marked "Operation Elf." These will be collected by volunteers from both churches and passed on to Eastwood Park on Friday 12th December. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas Services

Advent Penitential Service – Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm in CTK Church (with the opportunity for individual confessions).

Christmas Eve (Wed 24th Dec) – First Mass of Christmas at 19.30pm in CTK Church, preceded by Carols at 19.00hrs.

Christmas Day (Thu 25th December) – Mass at 10.00am in Holy Cross Church.

Christmas Day (Thu 25th December) – "Quiet" Mass at 9.00am and Mass with "Living Crib" at 10.30am at CTK Church

St Stephen "Boxing Day" (Fri 26th December) – Mass at 10.00am in CTK Church

We are very grateful to Canon Michael Fitzpatrick who will celebrate the Christmas Day Mass at Holy Cross.

More details on all the above will follow next week. There will be a practice for the "Living Crib" following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 21st December. If your child is interested in acting or reading, please let Deacon Lawrence or the parish office know.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Tony Gaynor, Michael Bishop, Mary McCoy.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary (Maureen) Fawcett who died recently we also pray for Mary's family at this sad time. Mary's funeral service will take place at CTK on Friday 5th December at 12:30 followed by cremation at Westerleigh. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Pacqui Filby, Marie Darwell, Rosemary McDonnell, Kelly Hall, Bob Leister, Patrick Power, Marcia Fey, Peter Morrissey, Fr Gilbert Connock, Amoun Cods, Teresa Hassell, Pamela Davidson, Aubrey Reeve, Margaret Eddits, Leon Szokalo.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 3rd December

Music Night 19:00 Sunday 23rd November

Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 5th December

As winter approaches music night on a Sunday will now start at the earlier time of 19:00 and finish at 21:00

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
23rd Nov	D McNulty	Youth Sunday			Choir
30th Nov	C Hurford	A Clarke	B Clarke	C & D Clarke	Folk Group

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

Mon 17th & 24th Nov M. Gilroy & K Byrne

Mon 1st & 8th Dec L Godding & S Evans

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 23rd November: S & D Nicholls

Sunday 30th November: M Scott

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

23rd Nov: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm & M Wallis

30th Nov: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls

There will be no Holy Hour or the opportunity for private prayer at CTK on the morning of Thursday 4th December. We welcome Bristol Old Vic Theatre School who will be performing 'Once Upon a Winter' for local primary schools.

Forthcoming Christmas Concerts (CTK)

NotaBene: "The Night Before Christmas" – Saturday 6th December at 7.00pm in CTK Church.

Songbirds Women's Choir: Christmas Concert & Singalong - Saturday 13th December at 2.30pm & 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

All welcome – please see the Noticeboards for further details.